



Press Release

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On: TEXAS SPRING ONION PRODUCTION
UP 13 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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Austin . . . The 2004 spring onion production in South Texas is expected to total 3.97 million hundredweight (cwt), up 13 percent from last year.

Based on the April 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, yield is estimated at 305 cwt per acre, down 15 cwt from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 13,000 acres. Planted acreage is estimated at 14,200 acres, up 9 percent from the previous spring.

Producers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley expect to harvest 2.41 million cwt, up 6 percent from a year ago.

In the San Antonio-Winter Garden and Laredo areas, spring production is forecast at 1.56 million cwt, up 25 percent from the amount produced the previous spring.

United States producers expect to harvest this year's spring crop from 37,100 acres, up 17 percent from last year. Combined production for Georgia and Texas is forecast at 6.93 million cwt, 21 percent above last year.

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TEXAS SPRING ONIONS: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION BY AREAS

Area	Area for harvest			Yield per acre ¹			Production		
	2002	2003	2004 ²	2002	2003	2004 ²	2002	2003	2004 ²
	<u>Acres</u>			<u>Cwt</u>			<u>1,000 cwt</u>		
Rio Grande Valley	10,500	6,900	8,000	310	330	300	3,260	2,272	2,405
Winter Garden/Laredo ³	4,500	4,100	5,000	325	305	310	1,465	1,248	1,560
TOTAL	15,000	11,000	13,000	315	320	305	4,725	3,520	3,965

¹ Derived to nearest 5 cwt. ² Preliminary. ³ Includes San Antonio, Eagle Pass and Coastal Bend areas.